St Mary's News

Sunday 14th June 2026

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Today
2nd Sunday after Trinity
(Music Sunday)

10am Service of the Word with Prayer Ministry

2pm Hadlow Village Fête

Readings:

Exodus 15.1-21

Ephesians 5.15-20

Luke 1.46-55

The Collect for Music Sunday

God of all creation, for whom the church, in liturgy and song, has borne faithful witness through the centuries; let us be your instruments of praise, that in us may be found that new dimension of sound which tunes our souls and bodies to the infinite beauty of your truth and the profound glory of your eternal light. For you reign, Trinity in unison, God in harmony, now and forever.

Amen

Next Week
3rd Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Jeremiah 20.7-13

Romans 6.1b-11

Matthew 10-24-39

Prayers This Week

We pray for all who all who live in Bourne Park and Hartlake Road

At the first anniversary of her death we remember

Pat Large

And from our Book of Remembrance:

Nina Tickner (15th)

Ronald Debenham (16th)

Coffee After Church

Visitors are warmly welcomed; please join us for refreshments after today's 10am service.

The Week at a glance

Monday

Tuesday
5.45pm Yoga

Wednesday
9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Thursday
7.30pm Singing Group

Friday
7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

The church is open every day from 10am to 3pm.

We thank John Speed for leading our service today, and Michael Payne for preaching.

For Children and Young People

Activity Bags for younger children are in baskets near the back of church. There are also books, crayons etc.

Hadlow Village Fete TODAY

14th June 2pm - 4.30pm
St Mary's Church & Church Street
Join us for a fun-filled afternoon! dog show, cream teas, side stalls, games, coconut shy, face painting, yoga, food and bar.
Bring the children, the grandchildren – and the dog – there's something for everyone!

New Vicar for Hadlow

The Bishop of Rochester and the Church Wardens are delighted to announce that The Revd Dr Peter Hayler is to be appointed as the new Vicar of Hadlow and Diocesan Rural Champion. Rev Peter is currently the Rector of the Benefice of Shipbourne and Plaxtol and will be installed in Hadlow on Tuesday 29th Sept at 7:30pm. All welcome to join us.
Please keep Peter and his wife Donna in your prayers along with everyone in the parishes of Shipbourne and Plaxtol.

A Special Evensong

Sunday 28th June at 6 pm
in St Mary's

This Evensong is being held to mark the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Rev Christopher Miles. He was ordained as Deacon in Rochester Cathedral by Bishop David Say on 27th June 1976. Please come along and give thanks with Christopher at this special anniversary.

Ring Into a New Hobby!

Looking for a hobby that's social, musical and unlike anything else? Discover the joy of bell ringing — a unique hobby that combines music, teamwork and tradition in a truly uplifting way. You don't need any experience or musical background – just curiosity and a willingness to give it a go. Join us for taster sessions in the bell tower on Wednesdays throughout July from 7pm to 8pm at St Mary's Church from July 1st. For more info. contact Howard Rogers on: 07734 962855 or howardsrogers@aol.com

Volunteers Needed

There are a number of voluntary roles in the church where more help would be appreciated:

Intercessions

We would really like more people to join the intercessions team for leading the prayers during the Sunday service. Guidance and advice will be given. For more information, please contact Janice.

Coffee rota

It would always help to have a few more people on the rota to serve coffee after the 10am service. We normally have two people serving coffee each week.

Church Cleaning

Likewise, we could do with more people to clean the church. It would only be every six weeks – or even less frequently if we have enough volunteers!

Hospital Car Service

If you would like transport to a hospital or other medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881 or 07464 548448.

Concert

Saturday 20th June at 7pm.

Local blind singer/songwriter Marilyn Baker and her ministry partner Tracy Willamson invite you to their concert celebrating 40 years ministering together. Come for a lovely evening of music and stories followed by tea and cake at Delarue Hall, Shipbourne Rd, Tonbridge. To book your free place please email info@mbm-ministries.org or call 01732 850855

Prayer for Music Sunday

Almighty Creator,
we come before You with hearts overflowing with gratitude for the beauty and wonder of Your creation, which inspires so much of our music.
Thank You for the gift of sound,
for the rhythms of nature,
and for the melodies that echo Your glory.
We praise You for the intricate design of the world and for the joy we find in celebrating it through song.
May our music reflect the awe and wonder we feel for all that You have made,
acknowledging You as the source of all beauty and harmony.

Who's Who at St Mary's

Vicar
Position vacant

Church Wardens
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Jenny Hopkins (01732 852386)

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Martin Massy (01732 851519)
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Parish Administrator
Janice Massy (07570 941809)
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PCC Members, any of whom can be approached for help or information:
John Speed, Katerina Plucknett-Nixon (Church Wardens);
Mike Harvey (Deanery Synod rep.);
Cathy Brill, Kirsty Finch, Jenny Hopkins, Richard Hopkinson, Janice Massy, Martin Massy, Jim May, James Menday, Iris Shaw and Sharon Vanns.

PCC Secretary:
Richard Hopkinson
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Minutes of PCC meetings are on the notice board and on St Mary's website.